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1. The Bauunion Sued, of the Dresden (N 52/E 29) Construction Firm at 5 Loessnitzerstrasse, was to do improvement work at the Cottbus (N 52/A 57) and Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfields. The following information was obtained from a conference held by the construction managers and representatives of the Cottbus railroad district management:

A total of 42,000 tons of gravel was to be hauled by the Spreewald railroad from Byhlegur (N 52/A 48) to the Cottbus airfield in day and night service. A daily average of 1.3 carloads of cement and 2.6 carloads of macadam were to arrive from Cottbus. The Finsterwalde airfield was to be daily supplied from Hennersdorf (N 52/A 05) with 25 carloads of gravel and an average of 2 carloads of cement and 4 carloads of macadam.

2. Five small construction sheds had been erected in the western runway section of the Cottbus airfield. A dredger and a narrow-gauge field railway with engine had arrived. Many logs, each 6 meters long and 30 cm in diameter, were unloaded there. The construction site was guarded by double sentries. So far construction work has advanced very slowly. According to previous observations, the runway was to be extended to the west, to a width of about 80 meters.

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Comment:

a. The intended construction work at the Cottbus and Finsterwalde airfields was confirmed by other sources. From the planned haulage of gravel and cement it is concluded that the intended construction work is comprised of the expansion of old runways or the construction of new runways.

b. The reported construction work possibly accounts for the conspicuously little flying activity done recently by the bomber regiments stationed at the two airfields.

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